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P R E F A C E.

THE five volumes issued by the Convention of the Royal Burghs of Scotland in 1866, 1870, 1878, 1880, and 1885, contain in full, or in abstract as regards less important matters, all the proceedings of the Convention, so far as these are preserved, from 1552 till 2nd May 1738. The volumes also contain many other acts and documents directly connected with the Convention, extracted from public records, or the records of particular burghs subsequent to 1295.

It was originally intended that each volume should contain an Index of the matters referred to in it, but the advantage of having a General Index applicable to the whole records, so far as these might be published, seemed to counterbalance that of having an index for each volume, and it was only after the Convention had decided not to continue, at least for the present, the publication of its records subsequent to 1738, that it was arranged to prepare and publish a General Index to the five volumes which have been issued. The work could not be undertaken by the editor, nor by Mr Renwick, who has so efficiently assisted him in his work, but it was entrusted to Mr David Donaldson, the editor of Mr Gardner's edition of Jamieson's Scottish Dictionary, and author of the valuable Supplement to that work, issued in 1887 ; and the zeal and efficiency with which he has completed it, very much as a labour of love, deserve special

acknowledgment. He has also appended to the Index a glossary of peculiar words and phrases which occur in the volumes.

The book will be found to be much more than a mere Index to the published records of the Convention ; for, while the main purpose of an index has been steadily kept in view during the preparation of the work, the materials have been classified, grouped, and arranged to represent the constitution, organisation, and working of the Convention in its twofold character of a corporate body and of a burghal council or parliament. A brief explanation of the plan on which the Index has been constructed may assist those who may have occasion to consult it.

To represent the Convention as a corporate body, possessing rights and privileges which it was bound to protect, a separate section has been allocated to each of the burghs composing it, and in that section are noted all the important particulars regarding the burgh which have been dealt with by the Convention. Reference to collateral subjects is generally made after entries which suggest or require it.

Under the heading "Convention of Burghs," the Convention is treated as a representative and directing council, and there will be found entries regarding its origin, organisation, and methods of working,—including such particulars as attendance of members, conduct of business, regulations concerning order, &c. Separate sections are devoted to the times and places of its meetings, the commissioners and assessors composing it, its officials and acting committees. Regarding its work and influence as a governing body which defined and controlled the rights, privileges, property, and duties of the several burghs, particulars are grouped in the sections devoted to each burgh and to relative subjects, such as Common Good, Common Lands, Magistrates, Guildry, Burgesses, Craftsmen, Unfreemen, Fairs, Markets, Customs, Weights, Measures, &c.

To show how the Convention controlled the industries of the country.

sections have been formed to include particulars relating to trade, merchandise, and manufactures, the various agencies by which these were regulated ; the special industries which it strove to foster, such as Fishing, Linen and Woollen Manufactures, Coal, Salt, and Cattle-rearing ; and the difficulties and hindrances with which the burghs had constantly to deal, such as Unfree Trade and Unfree Burghs. Regarding the foreign trade and commerce of the country, which were specially under the supervision and control of the Convention, particulars are grouped in the sections devoted to Export, Import, Customs and Imposts, Shipping, Harbours, Staple and Staple Port, Conservator, Factors and Agents, and the various countries with which Scotland traded. Important information in regard to foreign trade will also be found on reference to the sections on Commissions, Embassies, Treaties, and to correspondence with the various secretaries of state.

Particulars as to public burdens, royal claims, and taxes imposed by Parliament—the allocation of which fell to be made by the Convention will be found in the sections on Taxation, Tax Roll, Parliament, Privy Council, Court of Session, Exchequer, &c. Important measures for the welfare of the people, or the improvement of trade and commerce, which were undertaken by the Convention, or were referred to it by command of the King, the Parliament, or the Privy Council, such as the introduction of Clothmaking, the improvement of Fishing and Manufactures, Plantation of Kirks, regulation of Weights and Measures, &c., have each a separate section or special reference.

Many collateral and subordinate subjects have been made to serve as links of connection between the leading sections, and cross references are frequently used for the same purpose, and to avoid repetition.

Uniformity of grouping and arrangement has been aimed at in all the important sections, and, as far as possible, the particulars have been indicated consecutively. Each heading thus presents a brief summary or

outline narrative of the subject to which it relates. Examples of this will be seen under the headings, Clothmaking, Land Tax, Malt Tax, Rebellion in 1715, Restoration of the Stuarts, Union with England.

The aim throughout has been to make the Index as full and useful as possible, and at the same time interesting, so that by its aid an intelligent and careful reader may be able to obtain from the published records a correct idea of the work and working of the Convention.

In even a cursory perusal of this book the reader can scarcely fail to be struck by the multiplicity of subjects over which the Convention exercised control, and by the great variety and extent of foreign trade carried on by Scotland long before its union with England. The Reports on the state and condition of the burghs in 1692—which form Appendix III. to the fourth volume (1677-1711)—give little support to the statements of those writers who represent Scotland as being only poor and barbarous even during the seventeenth century, while they enable an estimate to be formed of the enormous advance that the country has made in commerce and wealth during the last two centuries. In comparing existing improved methods of locomotion and means of transit with the pack-horse and carrier's cart of last century, we must not, however, make light of the difficulties which the merchants and proprietors of those days had to overcome in the first stages of this marvellous progress. How hard the task was found to be may be gathered from various discussions in the Convention; but perhaps the most striking illustration is afforded by the statements in these records regarding the formation of a public highway for traffic between Glasgow and Edinburgh. The want of a suitable road between these cities had long been felt, and the best means of providing one had often been discussed; and although a definite scheme for making and maintaining the road was proposed in 1736, and supported by the leading merchants of both cities, no steps had been taken for carrying it

into effect when the last published volume of these records closes in 1738. An Act of Parliament authorising the formation of an improved highway between Edinburgh and Glasgow *via* Shotts was obtained only in 1753.

The publication of these records terminates before the introduction of improved machinery and the application of steam as a motive power had given a fresh impulse to mining, manufacturing and commercial enterprise, or had indicated a diversion of industries from old centres. Still the condition of the burghs, as disclosed in the Reports to the Convention, indicates that old methods of trade and commerce were becoming effete, and that new developments were necessary. It is much to be desired that the history of the burghal life of Scotland which these records supply, including, as it does, details of the home and foreign trade of the country, and of the incipient influences which have since contributed largely to the future progress of Scotland, should be brought down to the passing of the Reform Act. The early town communities of Scotland north of the Grampians seem to have associated themselves, at a very early period, for common objects. In the thirteenth century the leading towns of Ireland entered into compact for mutual peace, amity, and co-operation in all matters of general concern. But no trace of the work of either association exists in the present day. The Convention of Scottish Burghs, however, has an authentic history; the evidences of its work and influence are patent not only in its records but in the legislation of the Parliaments and conventions of the Estates of Scotland, in the records of the Privy Council, and in treaties and negotiations with other countries for purposes of trade. The records of the Convention supply the fullest and most authentic information on much of the burghal life and home and foreign trade of Scotland. Their value in this respect is probably second only to that of the Acts of the Scottish Parliaments; and but for the fact that the Convention had commenced the work before the liberality of parliament had enabled the Lord Clerk Register to begin

the series of valuable publications which is being issued under his authority, it can scarcely be doubted that its records would have received his attention. Two additional volumes would probably bring down the publication to the period indicated. But by whomsoever this is done the Convention must receive the credit of having commenced the work and carried it so far.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE.

In the Records of Convention, and especially in the earlier volumes, proper names are spelled in various ways ; but in the following Index they are printed in their modern and usual form, and peculiar spellings are referred to the names which they represent. In several instances, however, the name referred to will not be found in its alphabetical place. This indicates that the person so named merely sat as a Commissioner in Convention, and that his name will be found in the list of Commissioners under the heading of the burgh for which he sat.

The arrangement of the Commissioners which is followed was adopted in order to present them collectively, and at the same time to connect each with the burgh which he represented ; and also to distinguish between those who merely sat in Convention, and those who took an active part in the management of its affairs. The former appear only in the list of Commissioners, while the latter appear also in connection with the office which they held or the work in which they were engaged. And the arrangement will be found serviceable for other purposes as well.

In the preparation of this work the aim has been to make it a full and carefully drawn index to the printed Records of Convention, and to insure correctness. And as a further aid to the reader a glossary of peculiar words and phrases has been added, with reference to their occurrence, and a brief statement of their derivation.

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G L O S S A R Y.

ABBREVIATIONS USED.

<i>A. S.</i>	.	.	Anglo Saxon.	<i>O. Du.</i>	.	.	Old Dutch.
<i>Dan.</i>	.	.	Danish.	<i>O. Fr.</i>	.	.	Old French.
<i>Du.</i>	.	.	Dutch.	<i>Scot.</i>	.	.	Scottish.
<i>Eng.</i>	.	.	English.	<i>Swed.</i>	.	.	Swedish.
<i>Fr.</i>	.	.	French.	<i>Turk.</i>	.	.	Turkish.
<i>Gael.</i>	.	.	Gaelic.	<i>We.</i>	.	.	Welsh.
<i>Icel.</i>	.	.	Icelandic.	<i>corr.</i>	.	.	corruption.
<i>Ir.</i>	.	.	Irish.	<i>err.</i>	.	.	error.
<i>Lat.</i>	.	.	Latin.	<i>i.e.</i>	.	.	<i>id est</i> , that is.
<i>L. Lat.</i>	.	.	Low Latin.	<i>lit.</i>	.	.	literally.
<i>M. Eng.</i>	.	.	Middle English.	<i>prob.</i>	.	.	probably.
<i>Norw.</i>	.	.	Norwegian.	<i>pron.</i>	.	.	pronunciation.

The figures used indicate where the words occur.

GLOSSARY.

- Accusabill**, blamable, fit to be called to account or proceeded against. i. 26.
- Acknawlegit**, acquainted, aware. i. 323.
- Administrat**, to administer. v. 206.
- Adois**, concerns, affairs, business, occupation. M. Eng. *at do*. i. 270.
- Aites**, Aitis, oats, corn. A. S. *dtā*, pl. *dtan*. ii. 394.
- Allegeance**, Alegeance, allegation, assertion. O. Fr. *alleguer*. ii. 147.
- Amit**, to lose, forego, cast away. Lat. *amittere*. iii. 11.
- Anchorage**, a duty levied on vessels coming to a port or roadstead for the use of its advantages. It was originally a royal duty. ii. 303.
- Angel**, Angel Noble, an English gold coin valued at 10s. At one time it bore the figure of the archangel Michael slaying the dragon: and hence its name. i. 410.
- Annetseid**, annis, annis-seed. Lat. *anethum*. ii. 382, 396.
- Annuell**, Annual, interest on money lent or borrowed. ii. 121, 325.
- Assize Boll**, Sise Boll, Syze Boll, the duty of a boll of salt paid by vessels arriving in port. O. Fr. *assise*, a tax. i. 379, 397.
- Assize Fish**, Sise Fish, Syze Fish, an impost of a certain number of fish paid by each fishing-boat. iv. 513.
- Assize Money**, Syze Money, an impost paid by each fishing-boat: prob. a commutation of Assize Fish. iv. 513, v. 543, 545.
- Avail**, Availl, Awaill, value, worth, valuation, price, profit. O. Fr. *valoir*, *valer*, from Lat. *valere*, to be worth. i. 361.
- Awarice**, average, an allowance made to the master of a ship for his care of the cargo. O. Fr. *avarie*, in the sense of an award. ii. 134.
- Awys**, Awyse, to deliberate, advise: more commonly *avise*. O. Fr. *aviser*. i. 59, 520.
- Ball**, a bale or round package, consisting of a skin or bag filled and tied at the four corners: seeds, dyestuffs, &c., are so packed. O. Fr. *bulle*. ii. 382, 394, 396.
- Bark**, to tan; *barkand*, tanning; *barker*, a tanner. i. 511.
- Bastells**, sea-walls, bulwarks, pier. O. Fr. *bastile*. v. 171.
- Bay Salt**, *see* Salt.
- Beknage**, beaconage or light dues. A. S. *bedcen*. ii. 134.
- Beltan**, Beltane, 1st May, O. S.: hence used for Whitsunday. Gael. *Beil-tine*. i. 160, 225, 306.
- Bindis**, barrels of standard size. A. S. *bindan*, Du. *binden*. ii. 239.
- Birlin**, a small warship or cutter. The galley of a Highland chief is also called a *birlin*. iv. 381-2
- Bitt**, box, grate: "a fyre *bitt*," a fire-box,

- i.e.*, a beacon. A. S. *bytt*, or O. Fr. *boute*. iii. 328.
- Blaiming**, damaging, injuring. O. Fr. *blemir*, to wound. v. 177.
- Board**, Boord, Brod, a stand or table for display of wares: as in *fish-boards*. iv. 565, 568.
- Bongal**, a light kind of cloth made of cotton and linen: perhaps a corr. of Bengal. v. 439.
- Bowe**, a buoy. Du. *boei*. iii. 696.
- Bowellis**, bounds, limits, territory, jurisdiction. i. 321, 355, 384.
- Brown Linen**, unbleached linen. iv. 430-1.
- Brusun**, bruised, crushed, indented: similar to *birzed*. ii. 143.
- Bulk**, Buik, Book, body, carcase. O. Du. *bulcke*, *buik*. v. 177.
- Burned**, Brunt, Brynt, marked or stamped with a red-hot iron: fish barrels are so marked. ii. 361.
- Busch**, Eng. buss, a fishing-boat: generally applied to the boat or smack used in herring fishing. ii. 202.
- Byrne Yrne**, burning iron, stamping iron. ii. 284.
- Cabar**, a corr. of O. Fr. *gabarre*, a lighter: also called a *gabert*. ii. 142.
- Cairds**, cards for wool. ii. 375.
- Cairsay**, Kersey, a coarse woollen cloth, said to have been first made in Kersey, a village in Suffolk. iii. 124, 136.
- Calfut**, to caulk: from O. Fr. *calfeutrer*. ii. 143.
- Came**, Kame, a comb. A. S. *comb*. ii. 375.
- Canvess and Siffls**, canvas and sieves, used for bolting grain. i. 301.
- Carding**, a foreign coin, the fourth part of a French crown: hence its name *quart d'ecu*, which became corr. into *cardicue*, *kairdiqu*, and *carding*. iv. 546.
- Carmmen**, carters, carriers. Du. *karreman*. iii. 685.
- Casten**, Castin, Cassin, cast or thrown overboard: "guidis that was *cassin*." ii. 297, 340.
- Catch**, a ketch, a small two-masted vessel. Fr. *caïque*, from Turk. *qatq*. iv. 597.
- Cavel**, Cavil, lot, share, portion, as in "to cast *cavels*," and "to ilk his *ain cavel*." And as in a partnership or joint venture each one's stock or contribution was his *lot*, and his share of the profit or loss was his *cavel*, when burghal law declared that freemen were "to have neither *lot* nor *cavel*" with unfreemen, it meant they were neither to company nor consort, combine nor share with them in business. Icel. *kefti*. i. 503. See *Lot*.
- Cess**, tax, assessment: short for *asses*, and popularly applied to various taxes; but in these Records it is chiefly applied to the Land Tax. iv. 592.
- Cheim**, see *Chine*.
- Chine**, Cheim, the name given to the grooves cut on the inner surface of the staves of a barrel for the purpose of holding the ends or heads. The name is also applied to the ledge or projection of the staves at each end of a barrel. A. S. *chnu*, a chink. iii. 33, iv. 541.
- Chingle**, Chyngill, shingle, gravel: a corr. of Norw. *singl*. ii. 327.
- Clachan**, Clauchan, a village in which the parish church is situated: also a popular

- name for a village or hamlet, and the one which had the parish church was called the *kirk-clachan*. Gael. *clachan*. i. 469, ii. 52, 238.
- Clagg**, a charge against a person, an evil report, a blemish: allied to *clag*, a spot of mud, from A. S. *clæg*, clay. iv. 301.
- Clapboard**, timber cut into thin planks for use in mending fishing boats: barrel-staves are also called clapboards. iv. 428.
- Common House**, hostel or hostelry, inn, tavern, alehouse. i. 409, 427.
- Compromit**, contract, bargain, agreement. Lat. *compromittere*. i. 78.
- Cop**, to coup, exchange, bargain. M. Eng. *copen*, from Du. *koopen*, to buy. ii. 238.
- Coper**, Coper Bote, a couper or trading boat. iii. 47-8.
- Cord**, a denomination of quantity applied to certain goods with the meaning of pack, bale, bundle: thus, 100 skins was called "a *cord* of skins." iv. 556.
- Cordels**, cordage, small ropes. ii. 143.
- Cowbrig**, mod. *covering-board*, the gun-wale of a vessel: applied also to the hatches or hatch-covers. Gael. *cuibhrig*, a covering. ii. 143.
- Cream**, Crame, a booth, stall, or stand for merchandise: *to cream*, to hawk or sell wares on the street: *creamer*, a hawk or pedlar.
- Pedlar-wares, and goods exposed on stands at fairs, are called *cream-ware* or *creamery*. Du. *kraam*. ii. 91, iii. 47.
- Crear**, Crair, a small ship. i. 376, 400, 435.
- Crown**, Croun, a native and foreign coin of which there were several denominations in gold and silver.
- Of the silver crown there were several varieties, Scotch, English, and French, ranging in value from 4s. 2d. to 7s. 2d. The old French crown was valued at the latter rate; some crowns ranked with the silver rial and Spanish dollar; and Scotch and English crowns were rated at 5s.
- Of the gold crown there were also several varieties, both native and foreign, ranging in value from half a merk, or 6s. 8d., to 20s.
- These coins were called crowns because they bore on one side in blazon the crown of the reigning sovereign. i. 532, ii. 132, iii. 666.
- Crown of the Sun**, a French crown having as its mint-mark an emblem of the sun, represented by a rayed star. This coin was much used in Scotland. i. 269, 532, iii. 666. *See also under Crown.*
- Crowned Thistle**, a mint mark on certain coins. i. 560-1.
- Cruve**, Cruive, a fish-trap, a crib: also applied to a pig-sty. Swed. *krubba*. i. 102-3.
- Culverin**, a small canon: also a blunderbuss: so named from its long, thin shape: from O. Fr. *couleuvrin*. i. 103.
- Cunning**, a rabbit: *cunningis skynnis*, rabbit skins. O. Fr. *connin*. i. 213.
- Cunyie**, coin, coinage, money: so called because it was struck by means of a wedge-shaped die: from Lat. *cuneus*, a wedge. i. 304.
- Cunyiehouse**, the mint. i. 28.
- Dag**, Dagg, a pistol. Gael. *dag*. i. 103.
- Daker**, Daiker, Dikker, a parcel of ten;

- as, "*a daker of hides*," i.e., ten hides. ii. 394, 397.
- Dant**, a form of *dent*, to indent or indenture, article, invoice: *dantit*, indentured, reserved, promised. L. Lat. *indentare*. ii. 284.
- Deip**, depth: *the best deip*, the greatest depth of water. i. 57.
- Deip**, for Dieppe, a seaport in France. i. 466.
- Denier**, the old French penny, which was one-twelfth of a sou, and equal to one-tenth of an English penny. i. 285, 557.
- Denning**, packing or setting in safe places. A. S. *denn*. ii. 140.
- Detbund**, bound by law or duty, indebted. ii. 143.
- Dicker**, *see* Daker.
- Dislone**, breakfast: represents the Fr. term *dejeuner*. ii. 531.
- Divour**, a bankrupt. Fr. *devoir*. iii. 141, 147, 151.
- Dock Mail**, Dock Silver, harbour dues. i. 416, ii. 303.
- Dogger**, Doggar, a fishing-boat. Du. *dogger*. iv. 597.
- Dolt**, a small Dutch copper coin, worth about one-twelfth of an English penny. Du. *duit*. v. 487.
- Dool**, Dowl, a spike or pin used in fastening joints of wood or iron: hence *doolled*, *dowlled*, fastened with dools. Du. *dol*. iv. 153.
- Dornick**, a kind of table-linen, first made at Doornick, the Flemish name of Tournay, in Belgium. v. 439.
- Double Ducat**, a foreign gold coin, *see* Ducat.
- Dowet**, faded, not fresh, winded: as "*dowet* herring." A. S. *dol*. ii. 326, 361.
- Dowl**, *see* Dool.
- Drave**, Draive, Dreave, Eng. drove, a fleet or assembly of fishing-boats, as a *drave boat*, ii. 296, 356: also, time or season for fishing, when the fleet is at work, ii. 296, 436: also, to fish with the fleet, as "to go to *dreave* at Lambas." A. S. *drdf*. iv. 621.
- Drink Silver**, drink money, a gratuity given to workmen on extra or important occasions. ii. 115, iv. 92.
- Ducat**, a foreign coin of which there were various kinds in gold and silver.
- The silver ducat or rixdollar ranged in value from 3s. 4d. to 6s. 8d., and was current in almost all the great markets of Europe. A Dutch ducat, named a *ducatoon*, and corr. to *ducat-down*, was worth 5s. 5d.; but it is mentioned, in iii. 666, as "cried up" to 70s. Scots, i.e., 5s. 10d.
- The gold ducat ranged in value from 9s. to 16s., and sometimes even to 18s. The Hungary ducat, also called "*hungar's ducat*," was much used in Scotland, and is rated in these Records at 112s. Scots, or 9s. 4d. A double ducat of the same denomination is also mentioned. iii. 666-7.
- Ducat Down**, a corr. of *ducatoon*, a Dutch silver coin current in Scotland: it ranged in value from about 5s. 6d. to 6s. iii. 666.
- Dutch Ducat**, iii. 666, and *see* Ducat.
- Eleittis**, leets, lists. Fr. *elire*. i. 386.
- Eleuz**, the assessors of aids, subsidies, and imposts in France. i. 284.

- Escheines**, Eschevins, Echevins, the civic authorities in France and Holland, whose duties were to look after the streets, markets, traffic, &c. i. 554, ii. 386.
- Ewest**, nearest, most contiguous: also written *yewest*, and *newest*: prob. related to A. S. *nedh*, *nēh*, nigh, whence Scot. *neist*, next. i. 236.
- Exeme**, to exempt. O. Fr. *eximer*. i. 341.
- Fags**, figs. ii. 395.
- Feir**, a corr. of Vere, mod. Campvere. i. 59.
- Fingram**, a light woollen cloth used for lining: lit. cloth of fine grain: from O. Fr. *fin grain*. iv. 27, 431.
- Flane**, flayed, skinned. A. S. *fledn*. i. 21.
- Flecks**, also called *flakes*, hurdles, pens: so named from being formed of frames made of *flakes*, i.e. thin slips of wood. Norw. *fluk*, Swed. *flaga*. iv. 565.
- Fleming**, a kind of woollen cloth. ii. 108.
- Flett**, lit. flitting, i.e. household furniture; also called plenishing. i. 99.
- Foirbodin**, forbidden: *foirbodin gudes*, contraband goods. i. 41.
- Forpet**, see Fourt Pairt.
- Foumart**, Fulmart, a polecat: lit. a *ful*, i.e. foul, *marten*. i. 213.
- Fourt Pairt**, Forpet, the fourth part of a peck; also called a *lippie*. i. 301, iii. 402.
- Frane**, a corr. of *flan*, a plate of metal prepared for stamping; also applied to the plate when stamped. O. Fr. *flanc*. iii. 347.
- Freith**, to release or free from an obligation. A. S. *gefrithian*. i. 466.
- French Crown**, a coin of which there were several varieties in gold and silver. The silver crown ranged in value from 4s. 2d. to 5s.; the gold crown, from 12s. 6d. to 15s. i. 269, 532, ii. 132, iii. 666.
- Furing**, the amount of goods which the sailors of a merchant ship were allowed to carry free: also called *portage*. Du. *voering*. ii. 136-7.
- Gabert**, a lighter: applied also to a small coasting vessel. O. Fr. *gabarre*. v. 476.
- Galliot**, a small galley: a Dutch lighter or cargo-boat of the character of a bark or brigantine. iii. 392.
- Galloway Whites**, a kind of light woollen cloth made from Galloway wool. v. 111.
- Girdle**, an iron plate on which oateakes are baked. We. *gredyll*, *greidell*. iv. 92, 198.
- Girnell Geir**, goods put up in sacks, barrels, or bunks. ii. 134.
- Girths**, Girds, Girrs, hoops for barrels, wooden hoops. Dan. *giord*. iii. 451.
- Great Salt**, see Salt.
- Green**, fresh, uncured: as in "green her-ring." ii. 319, 327.
- Grograne**, lit. stuff of a coarse texture: a coarse kind of silken stuff, made of silk and wool; but the best sorts were made of silk and mohair. Also called *grogram*. O. Fr. *gros grain*. ii. 108.
- Gros**, Groots, small Dutch coins, each worth two cents and a-half, or an English halfpenny. ii. 132.
- Grott**, Grote, a Scotch and English silver coin of various values; but latterly it was rated at fourpence. ii. 132.

Regarding the Dutch *groot* or *grot*,
see Gros, Groots.

Ground-Leave, Ground-Lief, Grundlieve,
lit. liberty to ground or anchor, mod.
groundage: a duty charged on vessels
coming to anchor in a port or road.
i. 213, ii. 300, 354.

Gudling, a guildin, a Dutch coin. ii.
229-30.

Gudis, Gudis, cattle, live stock. ii. 205,
215-6.

Hagbut, Hakbut, a gun, musket. O. Fr.
haquebute. ii. 366, 390.

Haid Hand, Haud Hand, see Hald Hand.

Haikis, anchorage ground, natural harbour
or haven: so named from the hooking
or catching of the anchor: from Du.
haak, a hook. ii. 282.

Haillie, *err.* for Baillie.

Hald Hand, Haid Hand, Haud Hand,
lit. to hold the hand, hence, to with-
hold, keep back: but when followed by
to it means to assist, to give support or
aid to. i. 460.

Halfit, Haffit, cheek, side of the face:
also applied to the side locks. A. S.
healfheafod. ii. 429.

Handwarp, an old form of Antwerp.
L. Lat. *Handoverpia*. i. 60.

Hardhead, a small copper coin. i. 22.

Hardin, flax, flaxen, hemp, hempen. ii.
327.

Hards, undressed flax or tow; also, the
waste of flax. A. S. *heordas*. ii. 396.

Hasp and Staiple, the fastenings of a
door. The *hasp* was the bolt or bar,
and the *staiple* was the iron hook or
loop by which it was held; and control
of these virtually implied possession of

the house. Hence, *infestment by hasp
and staiple*, which was an ancient mode
of investiture in burghs, was a symbolic
declaration of lawful ownership and
possession. A. S. *hæpse*, and *stapul*.
iii. 240, 317.

Haven Silver, harbour dues. i. 375-6.

Head, Heid, a portion of yarn, half a
hank, hesp, or slip, or three heers: also
applied to the cross-bar on each arm of
a reel. iii. 157, and see under Reels.

Harbour walls, or more properly,
the farthest out points of harbour walls
are called *heads*, and *town-heads*. ii.
362.

Head-washing, a ceremony or form of
initiation gone through by an entrant
to a craft or profession, for which a fine
was paid: also, a fine paid by merchants
for imposition in bargain making. ii.
297.

Heaped Measure, an old method of
measurement for grain which required
each measure to be filled and heaped
to its utmost capacity. i. 81.

Herring Mett, the 200 herring mett was
fixed at 42 pints liquid measure. iv.
406. See Met.

Hesp, a hank or slip of yarn containing
six heers: so called from the motion of
the reel being stopped by its *hasp* or
check when the correct measure was
run. A. S. *hæpse*. iii. 157.

Heuch, a pit, a coal mine. Gael. *uaiyh*.
i. 240.

Houpe, hops. Du. *hop*. ii. 396.

Hude, Hwde, a hogshead, barrel. Du.
hoofl, head. ii. 394.

Huird, to hoard. A. S. *hord*. i. 468.

Humill Corn, light or inferior corn is

- so called, and also the meal made from it. i. 468.
- In some districts the maslin meal made from barley and peas is called *humill corn*. Properly, however, the term implies grain without a beard, as peas, beans, &c.
- Hungary Ducat**, a gold coin nearly equal to our half-sovereign. In 1645 it was rated at £5 Scots, or 8s. 4d., and in 1676, at £5, 12s. Scots, or 9s. 4d. iii. 667.
- Indomage**, to damage, injure, oppress. Fr. *dommage*. i. 273.
- Intimy**, Intemy, to intimate, make known. ii. 81, 114.
- Irenscaleit**, perhaps a misreading of *innsealleit*, i.e. *ensealit*, attested by a seal, certified, authorised. i. 520.
- Isle of Watter**, a misreading of Isle of Walcer, a colloquial form of Isle of Walcheren. See *under* Walche. i. 351.
- Jadge**, Iadge, gauge, measure, pattern: used also as a vb.; and in the same sense *jadger*, *iadger*, a measurer. O. Fr. *jauge*. ii. 12, 31.
- Jornall**, Journall, lit. daily work: hence a day's work, an appointed task or round of work, as a coinage. F. *journal*. iii. 495, 502.
- Kairtries**, car-trees, timber for cart or car-shafts. iii. 47.
- Kame**, a comb: see Came.
- Keed**, a misprint of *keep*. v. 476.
- Keel**, a barge or skow mostly used for transporting coal. v. 128.
- Keeling**, Keiling, Keling, a general name for large fish, including coal-fish, cod, and haddock. Icel. *keila*, Sw. *kolja*, haddock, cod. i. 89, 218, 466.
- Kenning**, knowledge, sense or sight of: "beyond *kenning* of land," beyond sight of land. A small portion or quantity of anything is also called a *kenning*: as, "a *kenning* of salt." iv. 545.
- Kill**, Kil, a channel or narrow passage of water, as the Kyles of Bute: applied to the channel between the Dort and the estuary of the Maas. Du. *kil*. iii. 681.
- Kirk-Clachan**, the clachan or village in which the parish church is situated; also called the *kirk-town*. See Clachan. i. 469, 483.
- Knaple**, Knappald, oak wood for barrel staves: applied also to bundles of oak staves. Icel. *knapp*, hard wood. ii. 375, iv. 153.
- Ladle**, a petty custom, an impost on grain or victual, consisting of a ladleful from each load. i. 356, 398, 403, ii. 259, 347.
- Ladnyt or Licht**, loaded or empty. ii. 133.
- Lambes**, Lammas, 1st August. ii. 284, 319.
- Lame**, earthen, earthenware: from A. S. *lam*, loam. iii. 388.
- Land Measure**, dry measure, the standard for which was the measure of Linlithgow. iii. 402.
- Land Ports**, town gates, entrances to a town. ii. 349.
- Lang**, Langis, along, alongst. i. 300.
- Lap**, to fold, measure, and stamp linen

- cloth: hence *lapper* and *lapping*. v. 438-441.
- Lapper**, a measurer and stamper of linen cloth, and inspector of linen cloth and yarn.
The lapper of linen cloth was also inspector of linen yarn, and was instructed to search the houses, shops, and warehouses in his district where such yarn was likely to be found, and to test both its quantity and its quality. v. 436-441.
- Last**, lit. a load; a weight estimated at 4000 lbs., but varying in different articles. A *last of beer* is reckoned at 12 barrels; a *last of hides* contains 20 dakers, or 200 skins; a *last of wool* is equal to 12 sacks, or by shippers' measure, 10 sacks. i. 345, 408, 427.
- Lastage**, Last Gilt, the customs' duty of tonnage, which is charged on certain cargoes, but generally on goods that are sold by the last. Du. *lastgeld*. iii. 679, 694.
- Lat**, a form of *let*, prevention, obstruction, hindrance. i. 98.
- Lay Money**, a name applied to small copper coins, because they were *layit* or alloyed, *i.e.* base or of inferior quality. iii. 667.
- Leased**, yoked, bound, subjected to. O. Fr. *lesse*, a leash. iv. 236.
- Leittis**, leets, lists. i. 386.
- Lentrin-ware**, Lentron-ware, small and inferior lamb-skins. i. 213.
- Less Age**, nonage, minority, state of being under age. i. 37.
- Licent**, duty outwards; a customs' charge on vessels departing. O. Du. *licent*. iii. 694.
- Licht**, light, empty, without cargo: "ladnyt or licht," loaded or empty. ii. 133.
- Lime Potts**, lime kilns. iv. 571.
- Linen Reel**, *see under* Reels.
- Ling**, lit. long fish, in which sense it is applied as a general name for large coal-fish and cod: the ling, however, is more slender than these. A. S. *lenga*, Du. *leng*. iv. 427, v. 327.
- Linget**, Linget Seed, lint seed, flax seed. iii. 400.
- Lippie**, the fourth part of a peck: also called a *forpet*: prob. related to A. S. *leap*, a basket. ii. 374.
- Liqueres**, liquorice. ii. 396.
- Litster**, Littistar, a dyer: from Icel. *litr*, colour. i. 104.
- Livre**, Liver, a pound: a denomination of O. Fr. money equal to 20 solz, or 2s. steg. The *Paris livre*, however, was equal to 25 solz, or 2s. 6d. steg. i. 560.
- Lockman**, hangman, executioner: prob. from A. S. *locu*, a fastening. iv. 587.
- Lois**, Loss, to undo, unpack, unload: *loissing*, *lossing*, unloading: *lossares*, unloaders. A. S. *lostian*. i. 58, 440, ii. 137, 363.
- Loist**, the undoing or unloading of goods or cargo: as *loist mailles*, dues for unloading cargo, i. 78. Also, undoing, damage, loss: as *deid and loist*. i. 59.
- Lorendryvers**, perhaps, rein-holders, in the sense of Eng. wire-pullers: from O. Fr. *lorein*, a bit. iii. 348.
- Lorimer**, a bit maker. O. Fr. *lorein*. v. 528.
- Lot**, portion, share, proportion, position and responsibility, place and duty: "lot nor cavel," neither partnership nor

venture, fellowship nor alliance in business. i. 503.

To lot, to share, to take or become responsible for one's share, as when burghesses *scat and lot* in their burgh, i.e. share or take their share of the taxation, and of the responsibilities and duties. See *Scat*, *Scot*. i. 99.

Machler, a broker, factor, agent. Du. *makelaar*. iv. 288, 290.

Make, *Mak*, to dress, prepare, cure; as, "to make herring." ii. 535, iv. 154, 542.

Meiths, marks of boundary or extent: generally applied to objects that mark a boundary line on land or a passage in water. A. S. *mythas*, bounds. iii. 696.

Melteth, lit. sufficient food for one meal: hence, a meal, repast, as in the old Scot. phrase, "*a melteth o' meat*." Icel. *mael-tid*, meal-time. i. 59.

Met, *Mett*, a measure. Regarding the various *metts* see *Weights and Measures*.

Midden Lairs, places where the filth and refuse from streets and houses were collected: also, the heaps of dung so collected: from A. S. *midding*, and *leger*. iv. 571.

Midox, prob. a name for starch, which was also called *moden*, and *stiffing*. ii. 382.

Mort Charge, dead weight, or heavy goods, which were charged by the ton of 2000 lbs. iv. 547, 552.

Moyane, *Moyen*, means, method, assistance. Fr. *moyen*. i. 451.

Muching, *Mwching*, *mutchkin*. ii. 157.

Neif-Full, a handful; also, a measure

used in petty customs for wool, a handful being taken out of every wey or smaller quantity brought to market. Icel. *hneft*. i. 381, 398.

Noble, a gold coin of which there were several varieties ranging in value from 6s. 8d. to 15s. It was originally a half-merk piece. The nobles most frequently mentioned are the *rose*, the *angel*, the *Harry*, and the *thistle* noble. i. 383, ii. 561-2.

Olxin, ox or oxen: as *olxin hydis*. i. 21.

Onexemit, unexempted. O. Fr. *eximer*. i. 341.

Onrechit, impoverished, weakened, put at a disadvantage. A. S. *rtce*. i. 12.

Ordinare, dinner. ii. 363.

Outred, to fit out, furnish, equip, make ready for sea: the term is used also as a noun. i. 242, 261.

Outredder, outfitter, one who charters or freights a vessel. A. S. *ræde*, ready. ii. 138, 141.

Outreik, *Outreke*, to rig out, equip, make ready for sea: the term is also used as a noun. Norw. *rigga*. i. 242, 261.

Owirlupe, mod. *orlop*, the lowest deck of a vessel; also, a temporary deck formed for the safety of goods. Du. *overloop*, of which *orlop* is a contraction. ii. 143.

Oylie, *Uly*, *Wly*, oil. i. 140, ii. 177.

Pack, *Pak*, a weight of wool equal to 240 lbs. i. 398.

Pack. This term in Scot. represents both *pack*, a bundle, from Gael. *pac*, and *pact*, a bargain, from Lat. *pactum*; and popular usage has to a considerable extent confused the two meanings:

hence the mixed and varied meanings expressed by the verb *to pack*. It implies to collect and bundle, to select, assort, store, or despatch bundles: hence, to procure and supply goods, to traffic or deal in merchandise. It also means to bargain, agree, unite, share, act, or traffic with another. Hence, *to pack and peil herring* is to traffic in herring, and to cure or prepare them: *to pack and peil with unfreemen* is to company or share and trade or traffic with them: and *to pack and peil within burgh* is to buy and sell and make merchandise, or to act as merchant and tradesman therein. *See under Peil*. i. 131, ii. 147, 244.

Packhouse, Pakhous, a warehouse for receiving goods, a store. ii. 397.

Pais, weight: from O. Fr. *peis*, *pois*. iii. 341, 375.

Pasche, Easter. *Pasche mercat*, Easter market. i. 32.

Pathter, *see* Pauchter.

Patrickmas, 17th March. ii. 91.

Patrone, a pattern. O. Fr. *patron*. ii. 327.

Paucht, Paught, duty, custom: applied also to a note or invoice of custom. Du. *pacht*. v. 220, 222.

Pauchter, Pachter, a custom-house officer, exciseman: misprinted *pathter*. iii. 702.

Peill, *see* Pile.

Peil, Peel, Pele, to strip, take off or out of, withdraw: hence, to pick or cast out, to separate, sort or assort, as, *to peil herring*, i.e. to pick out the small or inferior fish, in order that the herring may be sorted according to size and

quality. Hence, *peilled*, *peillit*, or *peill herring* are the small and inferior herring that have been separated from the better sort,—the leavings of the catch or stock. O. Fr. *peler*, to skin. ii. 361, iii. 128.

Peiling, Peeling, Peling, picking, assorting, preparing, working, making: as, *peiling fish*, *peeling hides*.

Packing and peiling, trafficking and trading, sharing and working in company, having connection and dealings. *See under Pack*. ii. 147, 150, 192.

Pennock, a pile, bundle, or small bale: applied to skins: also called a *pennikil*: from A. S. *pennan*, to enclose. ii. 177.

Pennour, cellarer, butler. L. Lat. *penu*, a cellar. i. 319. *See* Sumler.

Pentherer, Pewtherer, a pewterer, a worker in pewter. O. Fr. *peutrer*. v. 528.

Piece of Eight, a Spanish coin of the value of eight reals, better known as the Spanish dollar. iii. 666.

Pile, Peill, the under iron or die by which money is struck or stamped: so called because, when erected in its block, it forms a little pillar or standard. The upper die is called the *trussel* or *tursel*, *q.v.* Hence the two dies are called *pile and tursel*. Lat. *pila*. iv. 546.

Pile, Pyle, a grain or particle, as of salt or corn: applied also to salt used for curing fish, in the sense of *pickle*; as, *fish in pyle*, i.e. salted fish, or fish that have been cured by sprinkling and rubbing salt over them. Lat. *pila*. ii. 427-8.

Pilleit, Pilleyit, pillaged, plundered. Fr. *piller*. i. 117, ii. 340.

- Pilschet**, pilchard. iii. 325.
- Pine**, Pyne, to take pains with: hence, to cure, kipper, as applied to fish, and especially to salmon. A. S. *ptn*. iv. 154, v. 231.
- Pink**, Pinck, a small fishing boat: also called a *spink*. Du. *pink*, O. Du. *espincke*. iii. 696, iv. 593-4.
- Pistole**, Pistoll, a Spanish gold coin valued at 17s. 6d., and sometimes at 16s. 6d.: this was the *single pistole*. There were also *double pistoles*, and *quadruple pistoles*. iii. 666-7.
- Placcatt**, proclamation, edict, statute. Du. *plakkaat*. iii. 702.
- Plack**, a small copper coin equal to 4d. Scots, or one-third of an English penny. Fr. *plaque*. i. 22.
- Platt**, Plett, plot, plan, project; also, the arrangement of a plan or project. iii. 140, 164. Used also as an adj. in the sense of model, standard, fixed. iii. 643, 663.
- Portage**, the amount of goods which sailors were allowed to carry free of freight: also called *furing*. Fr. *portage*. ii. 136-7.
- Pound Great**, Pound Greitt, a Dutch coin valued at five pounds Scots. i. 408.
- Powitt**, pulled, plucked. i. 21.
- Prewele**, privily, secretly, clandestinely. ii. 143.
- Prick Measure**, Prick Mett, the standard measure for grain: it was regulated by a cross-bar set on a central *prick* or spike. ii. 379.
- Prick Stockings**, knitted stockings, *i.e.* worked on pricks or wires. iv. 431.
- Prime-Gilt**, modern primage, an allowance given to the crew of a ship when the unloading of the cargo is commenced. ii. 134.
- Pyle**, *see* Pile.
- Pyne**, *see* Pine.
- Pynorie**, street cleansing, cleansing department. iv. 568.
- Scavengers and common labourers were formerly called *pymours*, *i.e.* pioneers: from Fr. *pionnier*, O. Fr. *peonier*, a term which was specially applied to the foot-soldiers who cleared the way for the army.
- Quott**, quota, share, proportion: "payment of *quott*." Lat. *quota*. i. 22, 241.
- Raisins of Corinth**, currants. ii. 395.
- Ratihabit**, to ratify, homologate: to identify oneself with. iv. 426.
- Rax**, to stretch, extend; as in "*raxing of claitth*." i. 468.
- Rayis**, yards of a ship. O. Fr. *raye*. ii. 227.
- Rebait**, abatement, reduction. O. Fr. *rebatre*. iii. 311.
- Bede**, to counsel, advise, direct. A. S. *ræd*. i. 521.
- Redship**, Reidschip, furniture, fittings, belongings. Du. *reedschap*. ii. 139, 142.
- Reels for Linen and Worsted**. The standard reel for linen was a rolling frame two and a half Scotch ells, or 93 inches, in circumference, by which the yarn was wound into *cuts*, each consisting of 120 threads. And twelve such *cuts* formed a *slip*, *hank*, *hasp*, or *hesp*. v. 436.
- The standard reel for worsted was of two kinds—the *long reel* and the *short reel*. The *long reel* was a rolling frame

two Scotch ells in circumference, by which the yarn was wound into *cuts*, each consisting of 120 threads. Six such *cuts* formed a *hank*, and eight *hanks* formed a *spindle*. v. 273-4.

The *short reel* was only one ell in circumference; and 120 rounds of this frame formed a *cut*,—called a *short cut*. Three such *cuts* formed a *hank*,—called a *short hank*; and eight of these *hanks* formed a *short spindle*. A. S. *hreol*. v. 273.

(Some districts, however, adopted a different set of divisions in their long-reel measure. The cut and spindle were formed in accordance with standard measure: that is, each cut consisted of 120 threads, and each spindle contained forty-eight cuts; but six cuts were called a *head*, two heads were called a *hank*, and four such *hanks* formed a *spindle*. This division is still in use.)

Refuls, refusal. i. 400.

Reik, Reke, to fit, furnish, equip: *reik out*, rig out. Norw. *rigga*. ii. 305.

Rever, Rewer, a rover, privateer, pirate: from A. S. *redf*, spoil. ii. 138.

Rial, Ryall, Ryell, a native and foreign coin, of which there were several varieties in gold and silver.

The silver rial, which was a species of dollar, was of various kinds and values, but French and Spanish rials were the kinds chiefly used in Scotland along with the native rial or crown. The French rial, or French crown, was worth about 4s. 8d. The Spanish rial, generally called a *ryall of eight*, or a *piece of eight*, and latterly a *Spanish dollar*, ranged from 4s. 2d. to 4s. 9d.

At the latter rate its currency was fixed by the Privy Council in 1676.

Gold rials were of native as well as foreign mintage; most of them, however, were English or French, and were worth about 15s. each. iii. 666, iv. 546.

Rodings, applied to a village or town common through which the roadways to neighbouring towns or villages ran: from A. S. *rád*, a road. ii. 345.

Ronrig, runrig, *i.e.* a piece of land formed into parallel ridges and divided ridge about among the tenants: lit. ridges running parallel. iv. 634.

Rood, Rude, the cross: *Rude mercat*, a market held on or about 14th September,—the festival of the exaltation of the Holy Cross. i. 32.

Rose Noble, an English gold coin valued at 6s. 8d., or half a merk. i. 383.

Rown, Rowin, roe of a fish: the M. Eng. form of *roe*, from Icel. *hrogn*. ii. 284.

Rude Mercat, *see under* Rood.

Ryall, Ryell, *see* Rial.

Saddis, saddles, pack-saddles: from Dan. *sæde*, a seat. iii. 388.

St James Day, 25th July. i. 513.

St Nicholas Day, 6th Dec. i. 334.

Saip, Seap, soap: *saip brewar*, a soap-maker. A. S. *saþe*. ii. 300, 307, 363.

Saithe, Saythe, Sythe, Syth, small coal-fish. Icel. *seid*. iv. 427-8.

Sale, *see* Seal.

Salft, safeguard, protection; safe-conduct, passport. O. Fr. *salut*. i. 504.

Salt. Of this important product there were several varieties, as:—

Bay Salt, the strongest and purest

salt made at the salt works on the shores of the Bay of Biscay : the best of this kind came from Portugal. iii. 435, 452, 580.

Great Salt, so named on account of its strength and size of grain, was also called *foreign salt*, because it was imported chiefly from France, Holland, and Spain. Only *great salt* or *Bay salt* was allowed to be used in the curing of the best herrings and salmon for export. ii. 284, iv. 153-4, 428.

Small Salt was chiefly native or home-made salt, and of inferior quality : but latterly the strength and purity of native salt were greatly improved. v. 171, 173-4, 186-7.

Salt-upon-Salt, or refined salt, was chiefly home-made, and was used as a substitute for *great salt* in the curing of fish for home supply. ii. 300, 307, 317, 326.

Salt Pans, pans or boilers in which salt is prepared : also, salt works. i. 59, 64.

Sancttewis, prob. St Ubes or Setubal, near Lisbon. ii. 133.

Sand-Eel Pokes, Sandeils Poilkis, small bag-nets used as traps for taking sand-eels. i. 469.

Sayes, fine woollen fabrics. iii. 195.

Scaldings, Scadlings, skins of small, weak, or sickly sheep, *i.e.* inferior skins, being small and having inferior wool. The weak and sickly members of a flock are still called *scald*, or *ska'd sheep*. i. 23, 213.

Scat, Scatt, tax, taxation, tribute, contribution, expenses ; also, share of a tax, taxation, &c. : *scat and lot*, taxation and liability, contribution and responsi-

bility, or obligation ; also, one's share of expense and obligations, or of cost and risk. i. 99.

To scat, to tax, to apportion taxation ; also, to share or take one's share of taxation : *to scat and lot* in a burgh, is to take one's share of its taxes and of its responsibilities and duties. A. S. *sceat*. i. 99, 123, 449.

Another form of this word is Scot, *q.v.* See also Lot.

Scalk, see under Steek.

Schap Clerk, a law-clerk, a notary : lit. a drafting clerk, one who draws out deeds : from Du. *scheppen*, to draft or draw out. i. 504.

Schorlings, see Shorlings.

Schnillis, shovels. ii. 98, 105.

Schuyt, Skout, Skowtt, a Dutch lighter or cargo boat. ii. 142, 394-5.

Schuyt Flott, Skout Flote, lighter-wharf, landing-stage, dock. ii. 394-8.

Scot, Scott, Shot, another form of *scat*, tax, taxation, *q.v.* *Scot*, however, is generally used in the sense of cost, expense, contribution, share of cost or expense : as in the expression, "to pay *scot and scot*," *i.e.* to share the expenses equally, each of the company to pay his share.

To scot and lot, to share expenses and obligations, or, to share cost and risk. See under Scat.

Scots Crown, a Scottish coin of which there were several varieties in gold and silver.

The silver crown was similar in value to the English crown ; and the gold crown was of various values from half a merk to 20s. ii. 132, and see under Crown.



- Seal, Sale**, a stamp or token, as in "the *seals* of cocket:" also, a stamp or stamping iron, as in "ane burning *sale*." iv. 153.
- Seap**, *see* Saip.
- Sequels**, small parcels of corn or meal given to the servants of a mill over and above the dues paid to the miller: also called *knaveship*, *bannock*, *lock*, *gowpen*. iv. 292-6.
- Serpleth**, Serplaith, a denomination of weight, mostly applied to wool, and reckoned equal to 80 stones: from O. Fr. *sarpillière*, a sarp-cloth or pack-sheet. i. 140.
- Shambo Leather**, shammy, or shamoy (corr. of *chamois*) leather, also called wash leather. v. 501-2.
- Shilling Great**, a Dutch coin, rated at 5s. Scots. i. 408.
- Shipbroken**, Schipbrokin, shipwrecked, disabled for sailing. ii. 139.
- Shoad Carts**, rubbish-carts; the scavenger carts which collected and carried away the filth and refuse of the streets and houses: hence used like *pynorie*, as the name of the cleansing department of a burgh. Prob. from Gael. *sgudal*, refuse iv. 565.
- Shore Silver**, an impost on vessels loading or unloading goods in port: also called *shore maill* and *shore dues*. i. 299, 375.
- Shorlings**, Schorlings, skins of shorn sheep. i. 23, 213.
- Siff**, a sieve. A. S. *sife*. i. 301.
- Single Ducat**, a foreign gold coin. *See* Ducat.
- Sise, Size, Syze**, short for *assize*, *excise*, as in *syze boll*, *sise fish*, *size money*: *see under* Assize.
- Skaff**, a small boat. ii. 81.
- Skaill**, a creel or basket. Du. *schaal*. iii. 703. Also, a plate, a forging, as in "*sword skailles*," i.e. sword blades in block or unground. O. Fr. *escaille*. ii. 39.
- Skair**, a section, division, or portion of land. A. S. *scir*. ii. 346-7.
- Skeldryke**, a flat-bottomed passage or ferry boat: an application of Eng. *sheldrake*. ii. 81.
- Skout**, Skowtt, Skout-flote, *see* Schuyt.
- Skowis**, thin slices of straight shoots or branches, from which wooden girds, girths, or hoops are made: from A. S. *scōf*, shaved, sliced. They are also called *scobs*. ii. 12.
- Slaid**, a sled. Dan. *slæde*. ii. 394.
- Slipper**, a maker of slips, i.e. cases or covers, as sheaths, scabbards, &c.: hence, *sword slipper*, a maker of sword-sheaths, and generally a sword fitter and finisher, a cutler. v. 528.
- Small Salt**, home-made salt. v. 171, and *see under* Salt.
- Sologne**, an old district in north-west of France. ii. 98, 105.
- Solz**, pl. of O. Fr. *sol*, a sous or shilling: ten of which were equal to an English shilling. i. 18, 130.
- Somlier**, *see* Sumler.
- Sowine**, the river Seine in France. ii. 65.
- Spanish Ducat**, *see* Ducat.
- Sparginer**, a plasterer. Lat. *spargere*. ii. 89.
- Spilt**, spoiled, damaged. ii. 142.
- Spink**, Spinck, *see* Pink.
- Spurriers**, spur-makers. v. 528.
- Staig**, a horse unbroken to work. Iccl. *steigr*. ii. 91, 221, iii. 47.

- Stand**, Stane, Stann, set, pattern, standard; also, set or series of things, as a *stand* of wires for knitting, "the *stane* of Linlithgow," i.e. the series of standard measures of Linlithgow. i. 414.
- Stark**, stout, strong. Swed. *stark*. ii. 284.
- Steek**, Steik, a piece, web, or length of cloth: also applied to a piece of dress, and by tailors to a piece of work. A. S. *sticce*. ii. 394.
Misprinted *sceik* in ii. 397.
- Step**, Stepe, a stave of a barrel or tub. A. S. *stuf*. iii. 243, 451.
- Stiffing**, starch, stiffening. ii. 146, 395.
- Sting**, a pole: *stings*, rough timber cut in lengths for coopers. Icel. *stang*. ii. 34.
- Stob and Stake**, implying house and land, from *stob*, post, doorpost, and *stake*, a pale, paling, enclosure: hence, "to *hald stob and stake*," to occupy house and land, to have seat and settlement, to make residence. Gael. *stob*. i. 99, 510.
- Straik Measure**, level measure, as opposed to heaped measure. By this measurement the grain, &c., had to be stroked, or made level with the top of the measure, by means of a *straik* or straight-edge. i. 81. See *Prick Measure*.
- Stray**, straw: "*stray warde*," err. for "*stray, wade*. A. S. *streaw*. ii. 39, compared with ii. 98, 105.
- Stuigs**, err. for *stings*, poles. ii. 34.
- Sture**, Stuir, a stiver, a small Dutch coin. i. 350-1, ii. 132, 227-8.
- Sucken**, Suicken, jurisdiction attached to a mill, subjection due by tenants to a certain mill, the dues paid to a mill by the tenants who are bound to it. A. S. *soc*. iv. 292-6.
- Sume**, Soume, the relative proportion of cattle to pasture. One cow, or five sheep, is reckoned "a *soume* of stock;" and "a *soume* of grass" is as much grass as will pasture one cow or five sheep. iii. 453.
- Sumler**, Sumbler, a butler; the officer who had charge of the royal *sumlery* or buttery. O. Fr. *sommelier*. i. 182.
- Suord-Skailles**, sword blades unground. ii. 39. See *Skaill*.
- Suppost**, a representative, one belonging to a certain body, company, or nation. O. Fr. *suppost*. i. 58-9.
- Suyme**, swine. iii. 388.
- Syth**, Sythe, see *Saithe*.
- Syze Fish**, see *Assize Fish*.
- Syze Money**, see *Assize Money*.
- Taffin**, table, schedule, card. Du. *tafel*. iii. 669.
- Taillie**, a measure of cloth of about 50 ells. The term is used in a sense similar to that of *web* or *piece*. O. Fr. *taillé*. iii. 668, 704.
- Tallone**, tallow. ii. 375.
- Tarleather**, Tar-Lether, a strip cut from the belly of a skin. When cured and dried it was used to tie or connect the two portions of a flail. Gael. *tarr-leathar*, belly-leather. i. 21.
- Testaine**, a form of *testone*, *testoon*, an English shilling; but the coin was so much debased by Henry VIII. that in the reign of Elizabeth the term became the name of a sixpence: hence the form *tester* as a name of that coin. The *testone* was so named because it

- was stamped on one side with the *head* of the reigning sovereign : from O. Fr. *teste*, the head. In these Records it is valued at 6s. 8d. and 7s. 4d. Scots. i. 560-1.
- Thair-Allane**, mod. "their lane," *i.e.* themselves, by themselves. ii. 203.
- Thistle**, *see* Crowned Thistle.
- Tinsell**, err. for Tursell, *q.v.* iv. 546.
- Tod**, a fox : *toddis skynnis*, fox skins. Icel. *tod*. i. 213.
- Tories**, robbers. Ir. *toiridhe*. iii. 399.
- Town-Heads**, harbour walls, bulwarks, breakwater. ii. 362.
- Tows**, ropes : from A. S. *teōn*, to tug. ii. 382.
- Towst**, Toust, Towist, toll, tax, impost, levy : also, to fix or levy an impost : represents a pron. of *tolst*, that which is tolled or levied, and is similar to O. Fr. *tolte*, an impost. i. 10, 78.
- Traith**, Treth, a tract or stretch of fishing ground. O. Fr. *traicte*. ii. 323, 404.
- Misprinted *trech* in ii. 285.
- This name is still applied to a stretch of deep water lying to the E. of Pittenweem, which is a famous resort of the east coast herring fishers.
- Transire**, Transier, a permit, a document that gives permission to transport goods from one port or place to another : also called a sufferance. Lat. *transire*. iv. 304-5.
- Trech**, err. for *treth*, *see* Traith.
- Tree**, Treye, Trie, a barrel. A. S. *treō*. ii. 382, 395.
- Treport**, a port in the north of France, near Dieppe. ii. 98, 105.
- Treth**, *see* Traith.
- Trinch**, Treinch, to fold or lay cloth in plies. Du. *trensen*. iii. 283.
- Trochitt**, bartered, exchanged. O. Fr. *troquer*. i. 269.
- Tryne**, train, suite, company. Fr. *train*. i. 529.
- Tulzie**, a quarrel, party or family quarrel. O. Fr. *touiller*. ii. 89.
- Tuns**, lit. barrels : buoys set in a river or harbour-mouth. A. S. *tunna*. i. 63.
- Turner**, a small copper coin. iii. 667.
- Turns**, duties, concerns, occupations, requirements. i. 361.
- Tursel**, Tursell, a variety of *trussel*, packer or driver-home, the upper iron or die used in stamping money : which, being the one that is struck in the process, is lit. the driver-home of the impression. The under die is called the *pile*, *q.v.* O. Fr. *troussel*. iv. 546.
- Tyne**, tin, block-tin, pewter. ii. 456-8.
- Tyne**, Tyn, Tin, to lose, to bear or endure loss : as in "able to *tyn* and win." iv. 91, 281, 486. *See* Win.
- Uly**, Wly, oil. Du. *olie*. i. 140.
- Unhelsum**, unwholesome. Icel. *heil*, Swed. *hel*, hale. i. 64.
- Un-Tarletheritt**, unshorn in the belly, having no strips cut from the belly of the skin. i. 21. *See* Tarleather.
- Vere**, La Vere, short for Campvere in Zealand, the staple port. i. 548 9, v. 221, 223.
- Vergus**, verjuice, a strong acid made from crab-apples, sour grapes, &c. O. Fr. *verjus*. ii. 428.
- Vijeil Gilt**, the customs' duty of weighage charged on cargoes arriving at Dutch